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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005, please consider the Remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.